



Junior/Senior Group Guidance



Seniors....

Please schedule your senior meeting with your counselor in the month of September or October



Graduation Requirements

- 63 Credits

Pass Required Tests

- Highest Honors 3.9 and up

High Honors 3.7-3.89

Honors 3.5-3.69

**Seniors: GPA is calculated at the end of tri 2 for graduation for cords

- Class Rank- We do not rank
- Schedule- Keep a Rigorous Schedule
- Attendance- Important for College and Future Plans



Options

- Work
- Military Service
- Technical/Community college
- Private/Vocational schools
 - Rasmussen, Cosmetology School (aka Beauty College)
- University/College
 - Public/private
 - 4 year/2 year

Where to find information?

- Your Counselor
- Career Center in Guidance Office
- Internet:
<http://www.iseek.org> <http://www.getreadyforcollege.org>
- School Visits
- College Fairs
- Visits from college representatives
- Military Recruiters
- Newsletter online information
- Interest and Value Inventories
- Apollo Website
- Apollo Launch Center (Located in Apollo Resource Center)
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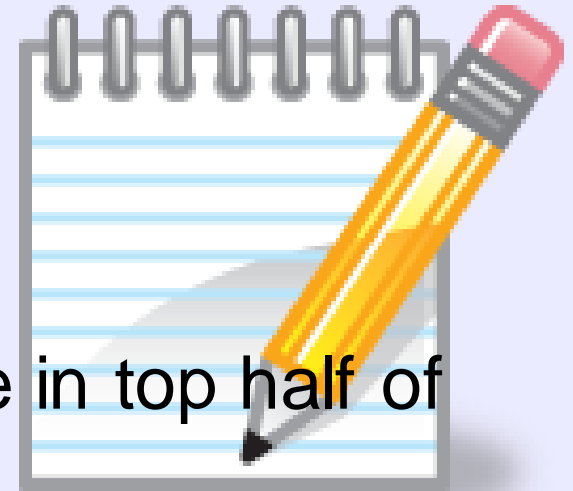
Four Year Private College

- Take ACT- actstudent.org

- average score is 21

- Class rank

- depends on school, should be in top half of class



- Cost

- Average is \$23,000-58,000/year for tuition, fees, room and board



Public Four Year College/University

- Consider taking ACT- act.org

- Class rank

- SCSU

- In top half for unconditional acceptance and/or 25 or better on ACT

- Cost

- \$24,000 yearly for tuition, fees, room, and board

- University of Minnesota

- Acceptance varies within the 8 colleges

- Cost

- \$33,000 yearly for tuition, fees, room and board



Community Colleges

- AA degrees
 - May be transferred to 4 year school
- Open admission
 - No specific class rank/test scores necessary
- Locations: Brainerd, Anoka, St. Cloud, Willmar, Fergus Falls and North Hennepin, etc.

Technical College

- Programs completed in 1-2 years
- Credits are not universally transferable to 4 year colleges

Tests: What to take?

- ACT -act.org
 - Accepted by every Minnesota college and most colleges nationwide
 - Apollo High School code is: 242-178
 - All Juniors will have an option to take Test at Apollo on April 18th
- SAT –collegeboard.com
 - Required by some selective colleges (none in MN)
- ASVAB- November 15th
 - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
 - Entrance exam into Military service
- Accuplacer
 - Placement test for community/technical college
 - Given at Apollo in the Spring

PSAT



NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP
QUALIFIER



TOP 20 % OF
THE CLASS



PAY IN THE
GUIDANCE



GIVEN IN THE
FALL



Financial Aid

- Where does the money for education come from?
 - Parents/guardians
 - You
 - Federal and state grants
 - Scholarships/grants from the colleges/universities
 - Loans
 - Workstudy
 - www.fastweb.com
 - Xello (List of Scholarships)

Grants, loans & work study

■ FAFSA

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
 - **fafsa.ed.gov**
 - Complete on-line after December 2nd of senior year
 - List colleges you wish to receive information
 - SAR (student aid report) report tells you the EFC (expected family contribution)
 - Schools send you a financial aid package (letter)
 - Get your FSA ID number at **StudentAid.gov/fsaid**

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

*Meet with your counselor

- Earn college credit while in high school

- Junior

- In upper 1/3 of class

- Seniors

- In upper 1/2 of class

- Must apply to respective college.

Applications available in guidance office.

Deadlines-Fall Semester May 25th

Spring Semester October 25th



CLEP

College Level
Examination Program

Take tests for college
credit

See College Board
for information

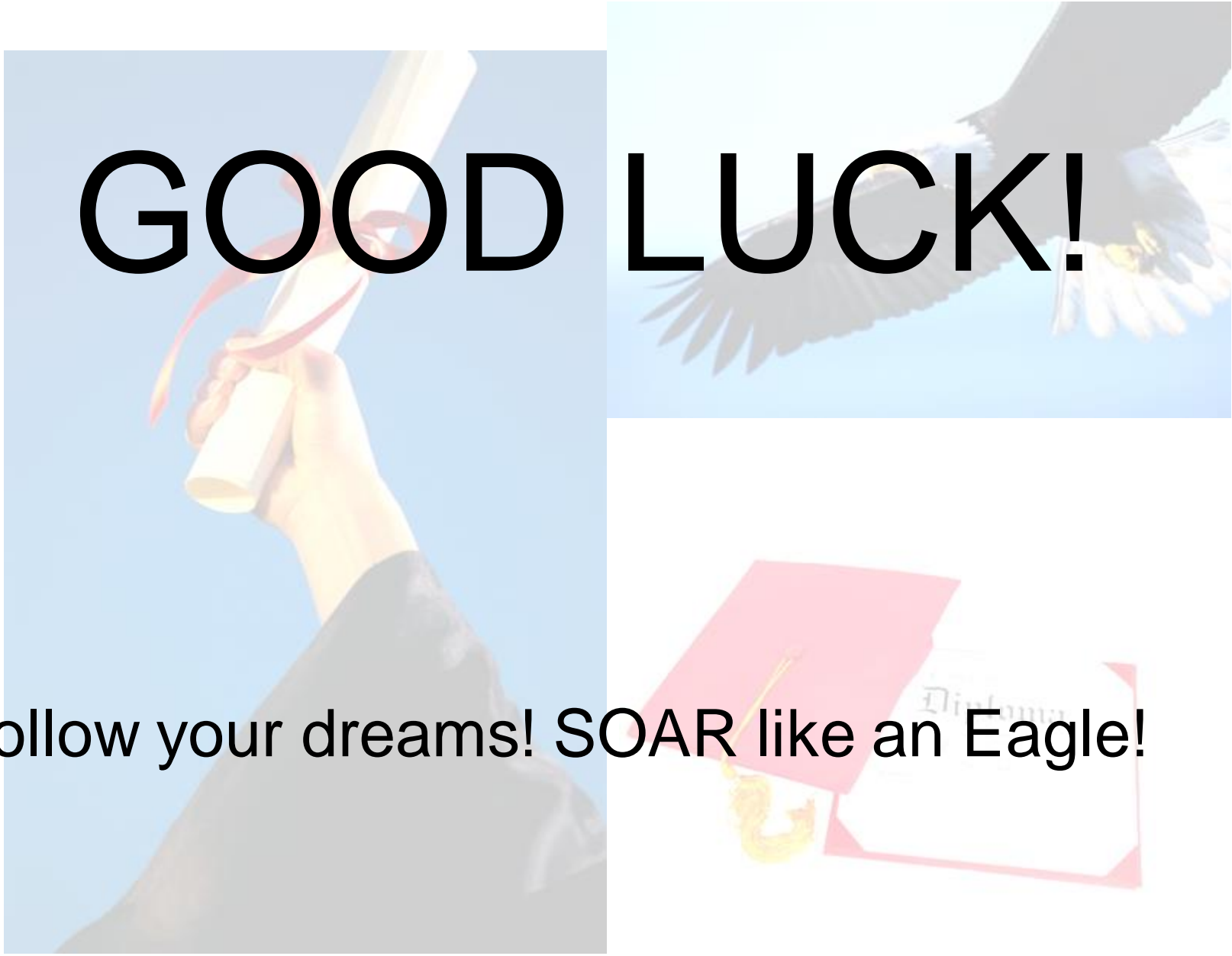


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GOOD LUCK!



Follow your dreams! SOAR like an Eagle!